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**Brig. Gen. P. K. Keen, assistant division commander (maneuvers), 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson, coaches Pfc. Peter Manning, heavy equipment operator, Earth Movers Platoon, Company A, 52nd Engineer Combat Battalion, during a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new Piñon Canyon live-fire ranges. See story, page 5.**

## IG: Detainee abuse due to individual discipline failures

by Joe Burlas  
Army News Service

**WASHINGTON** — While there is room for improvement in detainee operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, cases of reported detainee abuse there were caused primarily by individuals failing to live up to the standards of decency and Army Values they had been taught in the Army, according to an Inspector General inspection report made public during recent congressional testimony.

Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker and the Army's top inspector general, Lt. Gen. Paul Mikolashek, briefed members of the Senate Armed Services Committee July 23 on the report's major findings, observations and recommendations.

"The abuses that occurred are not representative

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## Pikes Peak International Raceway hosts NASCAR Busch Series race, Martina McBride concert to salute Soldiers

by Pfc. Clint Stein  
Mountaineer staff

The Pikes Peak International Raceway is hosting the Salute to the Troops 250 NASCAR Busch Series Race Saturday with a live concert shortly following the finish by country artist Martina McBride.

In addition to the race, Fort Carson Soldiers will be recognized for the hard work and dedication these Soldiers do every day.

Free tickets were donated by the El Pomar Foundation for Fort Carson Soldiers, but those who did not receive free tickets can purchase them for half off the regular price with proof of military identification at the gate.

"For the past five years we have offered a 50 percent discount to anyone with a valid military ID," said PPIR President Rob Johnson. "In light of the current situation overseas, we wanted to take the opportunity at our biggest event of the year to pay tribute to the troops who have put their lives on the line."

Military commanders from the Colorado Springs area will serve as honorary Grand Marshals and 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Robert Wilson, will wave the green flag to start the race. Some of Fort Carson's Iraqi war veterans will be escorts for the drivers during the driver introductions before they climb into their stock V-8s. In addition, there will also be military displays on the midway as well as the customary flyover at the end of the national anthem, which will be sung by McBride.

McBride is the female vocalist of the year for both the Country Music Association and the Academy of Country Music. She has also received two Grammy nominations this year for Best Female Vocal Performance and Best Short Form Music Video. McBride's concert will begin approximately 45 minutes after the Busch Series race.

Before the Busch Series race begins, there will be another race, the Freedom 150 NASCAR Midwest Series, starting at 10:30 a.m. The Midwest

Series is much like the Busch Series, only different modifications have been done to the cars and there will be 150 laps around the one mile track instead of the 250 the Busch Series racers will have to endure. The Busch Series Race will begin at 1:30 p.m. and should be finished around 4 p.m. depending on how the race goes.

Although PPIR has approximately 200 acres of parking space, Fort Carson will be providing a shuttle bus service to and from PPIR throughout the day that Soldiers and their family members are encouraged to use.

There will be three separate pick-up and drop-off sites available: the 43rd Area Support Group building 1225, 3rd Brigade Combat Team building 1852 and 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment headquarters building 2351. Buses will start transporting people to PPIR at 8:30 a.m. and will operate on a half-hour schedule throughout the day. The shuttle service will continue to make trips to and from PPIR until two hours after the concert ends.

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**Because of the training holiday Aug. 6, the Mountaineer will be published Thursday. Deadline for stories and briefs for that issue is close of business today.**

**Post Weather hotline:  
526-0096**

# Rumsfeld on why we fight in Iraq

More than 15 months ago, a global coalition ended the brutal regime of Saddam Hussein and liberated the people of Iraq.

As in all conflicts, this has come at a cost in lives. Some of your comrades made the ultimate sacrifice. For your sacrifices, our country and the president are deeply grateful.

In a free, democratic country we have vigorous debates over important public policy issues — none more heated than a decision to go to war. But this should not distract us from the mission at hand or lessen the magnitude of your accomplishments.

The threat we face must be confronted. And you are doing so exceedingly well.

Indeed it has been an historic demonstration of skill and military power.

On Sept. 11, 2001, 3,000 citizens were killed by extremists determined to frighten and intimidate our people and civilized societies. The future danger is that, if the extremists gain the potential, the number of casualties would be far higher. Terrorists are continuing to plot attacks against the American people and against other civilized societies. This is a different kind of enemy and a different kind of world. And we must think and act differently in this new century.

These extremists think nothing of cutting off innocent people's heads to

try to intimidate great nations. They have murdered citizens from many countries — South Korea, Japan, Spain, the United Kingdom and others — hoping to strike fear in the hearts of free people.

There is an ideology of oppression and subjugation of women. They seek to create radical systems that impose their views on others. And they will accept no armistice with those who choose free systems.

They see the governments of the Middle East, the United States and our stalwart allies all as targets.

Consider the background. In the span of 20 years, Hussein's Iraq invaded two neighbors, Iran and Kuwait, and launched ballistic missiles at two more. He employed poison gas against soldiers in Iran and against Kurdish villagers in his own country.

The United Nations and the U.S. Congress shared the view that Saddam's regime was a threat to the region and the world. Indeed, in 1998, our Congress passed a resolution calling for the removal of the regime. And over the years the U.N. passed 17 resolutions condemning Saddam's regime and calling on him to tell the UN about his weapons programs. He ignored every one.

Information gathered since the defeat of Saddam's regime last year confirms that his last declaration to the United Nations about his weapons programs was falsified. The U.N. resolutions had called for "serious consequences" should Saddam not comply. He did not.

The president issued a final ultimatum to Saddam to relinquish power



**Rumsfeld**

to avoid war. Saddam chose war instead.

By your skill and courage, you have put a brutal dictator in the dock to be tried by the Iraqi people and have restored freedom to 25 million people. By helping to repair infrastructure, rebuild schools, encourage democratic institutions and delivering educational and medical supplies, you have shown America's true character and given Iraq a chance at a new start.

Most importantly, your fight — and ultimate victory — against the forces of terror and extremism in Iraq and the Middle East will have made America safer and more secure.

You are accomplishing something noble and historic — and future generations of Americans will remember and thank you for it.

*Donald H. Rumsfeld*  
U.S. Secretary of Defense



**Pvt. Hazard**



## Is NASCAR a real sport?



"People watch it, I guess you could call it a sport."

Sgt. Larry Phelps  
Maintenance Troop, 3rd  
ACR



"It's not a real sport, it's a motor sport."

Pfc. Barrett Carl  
A Company 3-29  
FA



"I don't watch it, football ... now that's a real sport."

Spc. Joshua Gangwer  
360th Transportation  
Company.



"Yes, it takes a lot of practice and dedication to go out there and do that."

Sgt. Lynna Gritzfeld  
B Company, 10th  
Combat Support Hospital

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# News

## Abuse

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of policy, doctrine or Soldier training,” Mikolashek told the Senate committee. “These abuses should be viewed as what they are — unauthorized actions taken by a few individuals, and in some cases, coupled with the failure of a few leaders to provide adequate supervision and oversight.”

Brownlee directed the Department of the Army Inspector General on Feb. 10 to conduct an assessment of detainee operations in Iraq and Afghanistan following reports of detainee abuse at Baghdad’s Abu Ghraib prison.

While the inspection reviewed 125 reports of detainee abuse in the Central Command areas of responsibility that were known as of June 9, investigators focused their efforts on a functional analysis of pertinent doctrine, organization, training, materiel, leadership, personnel and facilities issues — finding no common Army institutional failure among the reported cases.

Of the 125 reports of detainee abuse, 31 were determined to have no substance. Of the 94 remaining cases, some remain undetermined and are under investigation, and some have resulted in criminal charges against involved Soldiers under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

An Article 32 hearing for three of the four Fort Carson Soldiers involved in an alleged inci-

dent of prisoner abuse began here Wednesday to determine what, if any, files will be charged.

“Our Soldiers are warriors of character and that will not change,” Schoomaker said. “...the inexcusable actions of a few are not representative of the vast majority of the Army.”

The report noted that detainee abuse does not occur when Soldiers remain disciplined, follow known procedures and understand their obligation to report abusive behavior. Nor does detainee abuse occur when leaders enforce basic standards of humane treatment, provide oversight and supervision of detainee operations and take corrective action when they see potentially abusive situations develop, it stated.

During the course of the inspection, five Soldiers came forward to the IGs to report possible detainee abuse, Mikolashek told the senators. All of those cases were referred to the Criminal Investigation Command, he said.

Other major report findings and observations include:

- Doctrine does not clearly specify the interdependent and independent roles, missions and responsibilities of military police and military intelligence units in the establishment and operation of interrogation facilities.

- While officially approved Combined Joint Task Force 7 and 180 interrogation policies and procedures generally met legal obligations, some were vague and ambiguous. Further, implementation, training and oversight of those policies were

inconsistent.

- MI units do not have enough interrogators and interpreters to conduct timely detainee screenings for usable tactical intelligence.

- Tactical MI officers lack the proper training to manage all aspects of the collection and analysis of human intelligence.

- Of the 16 detention facilities inspected in both countries, Abu Ghraib was the only one in an undesirable location, overcrowded and frequently attacked with mortar and rocket fire.

- Some CENTCOM civilian interrogation contractors worked without adequate formal training on military interrogation techniques or policy.

“Just as the current operational environment demands that we adapt, so too we must adapt our organization, doctrine and training — we are making these adjustments,” Brownlee said.

Acknowledging that one case of detainee abuse is one too many, both Brownlee and Schoomaker asked the senators to put the 125 reported cases of abuse in context of more than 50,000 detainees passing through U.S. military hands, and in some cases, the abuse occurring immediately after the detainee had been trying to kill U.S. forces.

For the purposes of the inspection, detainee abuse was defined as any type of theft, physical assault, sexual assault or death of a detainee.

A copy of the IG final report on its inspection can be downloaded from the features section of the Army homepage, [www.army.mil](http://www.army.mil).

# Carson honors post's 'hidden workforce'

by Sgt. Chris Smith  
Mountaineer staff

Fort Carson recognized Army Community Service volunteers July 21 at Elkhorn Conference Center who had donated over 250 hours of their time in volunteering.



Photo by Sgt. Chris Smith

**Cynthia Hunter, ACS volunteer, works on paperwork Wednesday morning at ACS.**

So far this fiscal year, 63,454 hours have been worked by volunteers on post by 3,201 registered volunteers. The volunteers work in a variety of areas including the Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Family Readiness Group, Chaplain's Office and Youth Services.

Last fiscal year, volunteers saved Fort Carson \$2.4 million with the work they provided without fee. The work they do is seen every day on post.

"Volunteers want to take advantage of what we have," said Joey Bautista, Installation Volunteer Coordinator. "We help the volunteers do what they want to."

Those wishing to volunteer just need to go to ACS and fill out an application form which will be used to match volunteers to jobs. According to Bautista, knowing what jobs volunteers would like to have can aid ACS in filling openings.

"I'm retired military, so I know what to do to help you," Batista said. "It's about what you want."

At this year's recognition ceremony ACS, both community partners and volunteers were recognized for the first time, according to Catherine Torres,

ACS marketing director. The managers from the different organizations utilizing the volunteers recommended the community partners who assisted with the volunteers.

"Next year we plan to do a similar event," said Torres. "However, we may celebrate it in April instead because it's National Volunteer Month."

The need for the recognition is something that is important, according to Bautista. The volunteers are not motivated by the desire for awards, he said.

"It (volunteering) is better than staying at home," said Sue Libby, ACS volunteer and family member. "I'm new to the Army, so it helps me learn."

Post volunteers can aid in areas which provide skills for future jobs. A job description is available for all of the positions filled by volunteers, making it easy to record skills and experience on resumes. Those interested in finding information about available positions can contact ACS at 526-0440.

"(Volunteers) are the hidden workforce on Fort Carson," said Bautista. "They are like a paid employee and know Fort Carson needs them."



# Military

## New live-fire ranges open at Piñon Canyon

by Pfc. Stephen Kretsinger  
Mountaineer staff

Four new live-fire ranges were opened at the Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site Monday in a ribbon-cutting ceremony held at the site.

The new ranges include an automated M-16 qualification range, a combat pistol range, an M-203 grenade launcher range and a machine gun range. The machine gun range can sup-

port automatic weapons that fire up to .50-caliber rounds, said Hans Liebrich, supervisor, Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site.

"The reason for the ranges is so that units doing maneuvers at Piñon Canyon can take care of their weapons qualification and not have to worry about traveling all the way to Fort Carson to use the ranges there," said Liebrich.

The ranges were constructed by the Piñon Canyon Range control team with assistance by the Earth Movers Platoon, Company A, 52nd Engineer Combat Battalion.

The ranges took four months to build. Construction began March 15 and was finished July 20.

"We saved \$7 million in the construction of these ranges by building these ranges

ourselves and only contracting out a small part of the work," said Liebrich.

There are no immediate plans to build any more ranges out at Piñon Canyon at the present time, said Liebrich.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony was attended by Brig. Gen. P.K. Keen, assistant division commander (maneuvers), 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson; Brig. Gen. Nolen V. Bivens, assistant division commander (maneuver), 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; Lt. Col. Michael J. Teague, commander, 52nd Engineer Combat Battalion; Lt. Col. John Hort, assistant chief of staff, G-3 (operations), 7th Infantry Division; Rick Klein, city planner, La Junta; members of the La Junta Chamber of Commerce; members of the Piñon Canyon Range Control Team; and members of the Earth Movers Platoon, Company A, 52nd Engineer Combat Battalion.

After the official ribbon cutting, attendees were able to witness Soldiers firing on the machine gun range, the grenade launcher range and the pistol range. Keen joined them, firing an M-

249 squad automatic weapon down range on the machine gun range at pop-up targets.

The Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site is located 150 miles southeast of Fort Carson and is a training asset for Fort Carson, other installations and National Guard and Reserve units from all branches of service.

It opened in 1985 to provide critical maneuver land for larger units on the post and from other installations in the area. Its 236,000 acres, combined with Fort Carson's training areas, comprise maneuver training lands second only to the National Training Center in size, according to the Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site Web site, [www.carson.army.mil/Decam/PCMS/pinoncanyonpage.html](http://www.carson.army.mil/Decam/PCMS/pinoncanyonpage.html).

In 1988, the National Wildlife Federation recognized the work being done at PCMS by presenting it with its Conservation Achievement Award "for outstanding contributions to the wise use and management of the nation's natural resources." It was the first time that a Defense Department organization received the award.



Photo by Pfc. Stephen Kretsinger

**Pfc. Peter Manning, heavy equipment operator, Earth Movers Platoon, Company A, 52nd Engineer Combat Battalion, shoots down range at one of the new live-fire ranges at Piñon Canyon Monday.**

# Military Briefs

## Misc.

**Enlistment bonus** — If you were deployed in Iraq, Kuwait or Afghanistan, you may be entitled to a lump sum reenlistment bonus of \$5,000. Effective April 13, the Army announced a retroactive bonus to qualified Soldiers that reenlisted from March 18, 2003, to Sept. 18, 2003.

Also effective May 18, the Army announced a new listing of Selective Reenlistment Bonus and Targeted SRB Program. Under this new message, qualified Soldiers may be eligible for a lump sum bonus of up to \$10,000.

To see if you were qualified, please see your local Career Counselor:

3rd ACR — 526-3417

3rd BCT — 526-4549

43rd ASG — 526-9366

Division troops — 526-3983.

### Officer Candidate School Board

— There will be an Officer Candidate School board Nov. 17 and 18. All participants must report in Class As. All packets must be turned in to the 502nd Personnel Support Battalion, building 1118, room 208, no later than Nov. 4. For more information, call Spc. Samantha Lamping at 526-6481.

**Warrant officer recruiting** — The U.S. Army is looking for highly motivated Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Airman to fill its warrant officer ranks. Positions are open in all 45 specialties if you qualify.

Applicants with less than 12 years active federal service are encouraged to apply.

For more information, contact the Warrant Officer Recruiting Team at [www.usarec.army.mil/warrant](http://www.usarec.army.mil/warrant) or call

(502) 626-0484.

### U.S. Military Academy positions

**available** — The U.S. Military Academy at West Point is looking for branch-qualified company grade officers and non-commissioned officers in the rank of sergeant first class interested in an assignment to the USMA. NCOs should have drill sergeant or platoon sergeant experience with 12 to 15 years of service to be assigned to the staff and faculty as instructors and company tactical NCOs.

Selected officers will normally attend advanced civil schooling for up to two years followed by a three-year tour at West Point.

For application information, go to <http://www.usma.army.mil/adjutantgeneral> or write to Management Operations Branch, AG Division, West Point, N.Y. 10996-1926.

**Special Forces briefings** — Special Forces briefings will be conducted weekly at the Grant Library. The briefing times are Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

The Army's Special Forces is a strategic, multi-purpose force capable of rapid response to various contingencies around the world. Called "Green Berets," these highly-skilled Soldiers are trained in unconventional warfare, foreign internal defense, direct action, special reconnaissance, combating terrorism, information operations and counter proliferation.

Special Forces candidates must be mature and self-motivated; open and humble; and better conditioned physically and emotionally than the average Soldier. All interested male Soldiers, privates first class to staff sergeants, and second and first lieutenants are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class Bill Roepe at 524-1461.

## CIF Hours

**Central Issue Facility hours of operation:**

### Regular business hours

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 3 p.m. and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

### Initial/partial issues

Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3 p.m. and Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

### Direct exchange

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

### Partial turn-ins

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and

Thursdays from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

### Full turn-ins

Appointments are scheduled Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, call 526-3321.

Effective immediately: Replacement will be scheduled Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Demobilized units tentatively have Tuesdays and Wednesdays to schedule out processing. Mobilization units will schedule unit direct exchange by appointment. Unit supply sergeants will collect Soldiers' DX items and schedule CIF appointments. A CIF employee will work one-on-one with a supply sergeant.

Active-duty units — Permanent Change of Station/End of Time in Service/chapters/retirees will make an initial out processing appointment Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays for turn-in. All follow-on appointments (14 OCIE items or less) will be scheduled if needed.

Bulk issue and turn-ins — by appointment only.

Appointments can be made with Kristine Harald at 526-3321. POC for this information is Frank Howard, CIF supervisor at 526-6477.

## Laundry Service

**Post Laundry Service** — The post laundry service provides free laundry service to Soldiers for government-owned property only. Items issued by the Central Issue Facility should be cleaned at the post laundry prior to turn in. Allow extra time for items to return from the cleaners. It is not recommended to pick up your equipment on the same day as the scheduled CIF appointment. Turn around for service is 72 hours.

No appointment is necessary. The post laundry will not clean personal items like Battle Dress Uniforms, boots, tent pegs, canteens, trenching tools or wet-weather gear. Material TA-50 items that can be washed include: sleeping bag assembly, chemical suits, Gortex, ruck sacks, coveralls, CVC jackets and most web equipment.

Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 3:45 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, excluding holidays. For more information, call 526-8806 or 526-8804.

## Briefings

**eArmyU** — eArmyU program briefings are conducted at the Mountain Post Training and Education Center, building 1117, Tuesdays at 9 and 11:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.

**The Army Career and Alumni Center briefing** is required for all depart-

ing servicemembers. The current ACAP policy is to register personnel ETSing one year out and retirees two years out. Briefings are held Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Call 526-1002 or 526-0640 to schedule a briefing.

**Are you ending your time in service?** If you're within 120 days of end of time in service, you must immediately call 526-2607 or 526-2599 to make your appointment for your mandatory Reserve Component Briefing.

**The Commanding General's Newcomers' Brief** is the third Wednesday of each month, 1 to 3 p.m. at McMahon Theater.

## Hours of operation

**Education Center hours of operation** — The Mountain Post Training and Education Center's hours for certain programs and services are as follows:

**Counselor Support Center** — Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Army Learning Center and Basic Skill Classes** — Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

**Defense Activity for Non-Tradition Education Support and Advanced Personnel Testing** — Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**eArmyU Testing** — Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. through 4:30 p.m.

**eArmyU Office** — Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Military Occupational Specialty Library** — Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and 12:45 to 4:30 p.m.

**Claims Division hours** — The Claims Division office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. The office is closed Fridays.

### Personnel Claims hours:

**Mandatory briefing:** Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Submit DD 1840/1840R

### Receive documents for filing:

Submitting completed Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Claims: 1 to 4 p.m. Closed on Friday.

If there is an emergency personnel claims issue on Friday, call Tina Kolb at 526-1352.

**Editor's note:** The deadline for submitting "briefs" to the Mountaineer is 5 p.m. Friday before publication.

# Dining Schedule

## Weekday Dining Facilities

James R. Wolf (building 1444)  
3rd ACR CAV House (building 2461)  
Mountaineer Inn (building 1369)  
10th SFG (A) (building 7481)  
3rd BCT Strikers Cafe (building 2061)

## Weekday Meal Hours

Breakfast 5:30 to 9 a.m. (All facilities)  
7 to 9 a.m. (James R. Wolf)  
Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Dinner 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
5 to 7 p.m. (James R. Wolf)

## July 30 to August 5

## Exceptions

- Patton House is closed until further notice.
- Striker and 43rd ASG are open Saturdays and Sundays.



## Saturday, Sunday and Training Holiday Dining Facilities

3rd ACR CAV House. (building 2461)  
James R. Wolf (building 1444)  
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3rd BCT Strikers Cafe (building 2061)

## Saturday, Sunday and Training Holiday Meal Hours

Breakfast 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.  
Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Dinner 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. 3 to 5 p.m. (James R. Wolf)

# Army moves up fielding of Future Combat Systems

by Gary Sheftick  
Army News Service

**WASHINGTON** — The Army plans to accelerate the fielding of some Future Combat Systems such as armed robotic vehicles, unattended ground sensors and munitions.

Fort Carson is included in that acceleration. The 3rd Brigade Combat Team is preparing for force modularization under the Unit of Action concept which is scheduled to begin in May 2005. The 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment is also part of the modernization, according to Jeff Newsome, Fort Carson's chief of force modernization.

The Army is taking advantage of leaps and bounds in wireless technology to "spiral" FCS development, said Lt. Gen. Joseph L. Yakovac, military deputy to the assistant secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology. He said spiraling allows for a more flexible approach to system development, to add technology as it emerges.

"The Army evolves by putting future ideas forward as they become available," Yakovac said.

Army leaders also plan to field soon, to more of the force, an automation network known as the "System of Systems Common Operating Environment," or SOSCOE. Yakovac likened SOSCOE to the "Windows" oper-

ating system of a computer, but infinitely larger, and said the network will allow units to "plug and play" the FCS pieces.

"We are basically building the Internet you use every day and moving it into battle space," Yakovac said. He added that it's a big challenge to make that network secure, yet accessible by all Soldiers and integrated with all systems.

Future Combat System technology will be inserted into the brigade-sized units of action the Army is establishing, said Brig. Gen. Charles Cartwright, program manager for the FCS UAs. He said one of the UAs will be selected as an "experimental unit" to test all the new FCS technology in 2008. A projected 32 of the 43 UAs will be fielded with some FCS capabilities by 2014, he said.

Over the life of the FCS program (2025 plus), 15 selected UAs will become FCS Units of Action, Cartwright said. These units will be fielded with all 18 of the Future Combat Systems, he said, and they will have extraordinary capabilities.

The rest of the modular UAs are still slated to receive the network and some of the FCS developments. For instance, the Non-Line of Sight Launch System, or "rockets in a box," as Yakovac called them, are intended to be fielded widely. This pod of missiles can be aimed and fired from miles away.

The unmanned sensors and robotic

vehicles are also intended for wide dissemination, officials said. They said a small unmanned robotic vehicle is already being used in Iraq and Afghanistan to detect mines.

Part of this week's FCS announcement included "buying back" five of the Future Combat Systems that had been previously deferred. Added back to the list are:

- Armed Robotic Vehicles (ARV Assault and ARV RSTA [Reconnaissance, Surveillance and Target Acquisition])
- Recovery and Maintenance Vehicle
- Intelligent Munitions Systems
- Class II Unmanned Air Vehicles (medium size)
- Class III UAVs (fixed-wing)

In order to fund the development of the five new systems, the rate of purchase for the eight manned FCS vehicles will be slowed slightly, officials said. Research and development for the FCS vehicles will continue on schedule, Yakovac said.

A "demonstrator" version of the first manned FCS vehicle, the Non-Line of Sight Cannon, is now being tested at Yuma Proving Ground, Ariz. The NLOS Cannon vehicle has a 155mm weapon and weighs less than 24 tons.

It's light, but can handle recoil, said Daniel Pierson, who works for the assistant secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology).



Courtesy photo

**A demonstrator version of the Non-Line of Sight Cannon fires its 155mm projectile at Yuma Proving Ground, Ariz.**

The current NLOS Cannon vehicle runs on rubber tracks, but Yakovac stressed that the decision has not yet been made whether the manned FCS vehicles will be tracked or wheeled.

"We're looking to combine the best of both (wheeled and tracked capabilities)

## FCS

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in these vehicles," Yakovac said.

Another change announced this week is that all manned vehicles will receive active protective systems. Yakovac said that decision stems from lessons learned in Iraq.

"In a 360-degree fight, everything needs protection," Yakovac said, even support vehicles.

"A lot of capability can be brought to a vehicle by software," Yakovac said. He said the FCS vehicles will have digital command and control, automatic target acquisition, the Joint Tactical Radio System and the Warfighter Information System-Tactical, known as WIN-T, and more.

Officials plan to field the first FCS vehicles in 2008 and spiral the development to most of the Army by 2025. In the meantime, however, and for years into the future, the M-1 Abrams tank, Bradley Fighting Vehicle and other current weapons systems will remain important, said Lt. Gen. Benjamin S. Griffin, Army deputy chief of staff for Programs, G8.

Other Future Combat Systems include:

- Infantry Carrier Vehicle
- Command and Control Vehicle
- Mounted Combat System
- Recon and Surveillance Vehicle
- Non-Line of Sight Mortar
- NLOS Cannon
- NLOS Launch System
- Medical Treatment and Evacuation vehicle
- Unattended Ground Sensors
- Class I UAVs (small)
- Class IV UAVs (capable of large payloads and long endurance surveillance and targeting)
- Small Manpackable Unmanned Ground Vehicle
- Countermine



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Gary L. Qualls Jr.

## Brave hearts ...

From left: Sgt. Jose Rengel, Sgt. Shaun Walls, Spc. Mark Branham, Spc. Steven Huckaby and Spc. Tomekia Brevard, 4th Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, stand by to receive the Soldiers Medal for heroic action following the downing of a CH-47 Chinook near Fallujah, Iraq on Nov. 2, 2003. Anti-Coalition forces shot down one of two air craft transporting Soldiers on a Rest and Relaxation mission with an SA-16 Stinger missile. The awardees, who were in the other aircraft, departed it after landing and, though unprotected and amid multiple fires on the scene, ran frantically about administering first aid using Desert Camouflage Uniform tops, t-shirts and anything else they could scrape up in the attempt to save lives. They saved the life of one Soldier by lifting the engine of the destroyed aircraft he was trapped under. The Soldiers were praised for "risking their lives to save their fellow comrades" in ceremony addresses.

MULES — Multifunctional Utility/Logistics and Equipment (Unmanned) Vehicles (transport, counter-mine, and armed reconnaissance variants)

When talking about FCS, Yakovac often refers to

"18 systems plus one." The one is the "network," he explained.

The Soldier is going to be "a node in the network," Yakovac said.



# Community



Photo illustration by Justin Pospisil-Marciano

## New hot-house list shortens wait for housing

### Courtesy of Fort Carson Family Housing

Fort Carson families are encouraged to take advantage of the Hot Homes Program each Thursday beginning at 9 a.m. This program minimizes the waiting period for on-post housing by offering new or renovated homes to anyone on the waiting list, regardless of their number on the waiting list. Fort Carson Family Housing releases a list of homes that are available for occupancy on the same day or within one week.

All who are interested in moving into family housing quickly, can come into the office on Thursday morning, and they will be offered a home

based on a first come, first served basis. The office is located in the Colorado Inn, 7301 Woodfill Road, Suite 103. You may call our office at 226-2268 with any questions. Currently, there are several two and three bedroom junior enlisted homes available, as well as several two, three and four bedroom homes in the E-7, E-8 area.

Fort Carson Family Housing still pre-leases homes based on one's eligibility date each Tuesday and Friday. If an off-post lease expires within the next one to three months, contact the housing office to see if your wait-list status is eligible to grab one of those homes before it is placed on the "Hot Homes" list.

You can check your eligibility status by coming in or calling 526-2322 or 226-2268.

Please keep in mind that the only way the housing office can contact families regarding housing availability is by the information provided on the housing application. Please provide as much contact information as possible, such as current duty, home and cell numbers, e-mail addresses and even a relative that can be contacted to get in touch with you. If you can't be contacted, your name will be skipped.

Please make sure to update your contact information as it changes by calling 526-2322 or 526-2323.

## Carson thanks Breckenridge for support

### by Sgt. Jon Wiley Mountaineer staff

More than Soldiers, it takes the support of a nation to win a war. That's the message Brig. Gen. Joseph Orr, deputy commanding general, Fort Carson, delivered to members of the Breckenridge community at the Village of Breckenridge Resorts July 22.

Orr went to the small resort town nestled deep in the Rocky Mountains to thank Vail Resorts and several other local businesses on behalf of Fort Carson for the support they have shown Soldiers and their family members over the past few months.

Vail Resorts, a company that operates many mountain hotels in Colorado, gave away 1,000 complimentary room nights to servicemembers who served in Iraq and Afghanistan at its resorts in Breckenridge and Keystone during the month of April as part of a program it named "Operation Freedom Lodging."

Toni Priniger, vice president of hospi-

tal for Vail Resorts and program developer, said it was "a gesture of appreciation for the courageous men and women who have been serving our country in Iraq and Afghanistan over the past months."

The company's generosity did not stop there. The staff of one of its subsidiaries, Breckenridge Lodging and Hospitality, also arranged for a free four-day retreat April 29 to May 2 for some of the widows of Fort Carson Soldiers who died in Iraq.

Chap. (Lt. Col.) James Ellison, command chaplain's office, Fort Carson, came up with the idea for a widow's retreat in March, a time when many Fort Carson Soldiers were redeploying and reuniting with their families after a year spent in Iraq. For many widows, the reunions served as reminders that their Soldiers were not coming home. As a way to comfort them, Ellison called Breckenridge Lodging and Hospitality to arrange for a mountain get-away for them.

What he got was a surprise. Rather than booking rooms for the widows, the hotel staff said it would arrange for them to stay in condominiums for free.

When the word spread the widows were coming, other Breckenridge businesses offered free goods and services. Collectively, they provided them with free meals, free child-care and free spa treatments in addition to the free lodging. Their children were also given free toys.

In total, six widows and 15 children participated.

"What you did to take care of (these) Soldiers' families — that's priceless," said Orr to a group of representatives from the businesses who contributed. Orr explained that Soldiers are better able to stay focused in combat when they know their families have support the kind they showed at home.

"If you leave here without knowing you made a sizable contribution to the nation and made a huge difference, I didn't do my job," Orr said.



Photo by Sgt. Jon Wiley

Brig. Gen. Joseph Orr, deputy commanding general, Fort Carson, presents a token of Fort Carson's appreciation to Toni Priniger, vice president of hospitality for Vail Resorts, for his support of troops.

Ellison expressed his gratitude as well. He said he "was very impressed with the patriotic spirit" displayed by the Breckenridge community and added he "would never hesitate to go back there for recreation and rest."

# Volunteer realtors celebrate 10 years of service to Carson

by Sgt. Chris Smith  
Mountaineer staff

When Soldiers and their families come to Fort Carson, the need for an off-post residence is often the case.

To help with finding everything from apartments to homes for sale, the Volunteer Realtor Office is next door to Fort Carson Family Housing. The organization began 10 years ago and has helped approximately 5,780 people thus far, according to Pat Mikita, chief of housing.

The organization started with 94 realtors and now has grown to 120. Twenty-two realtors of the original 94 who are still with the program were honored Monday with plaques of appreciation by Lt. Col. Mark Silverstein, garrison executive officer.

The program traces its roots back to when Jim Martin, Volunteer Realtor project coordinator, saw a similar program at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Martin decided to try to get one at Fort Carson. July 25, 1994, the program first opened with help from the Pikes Peak Association of Realtors.

The volunteers provide assistance with current information on renting and purchasing homes the local community with the help of their direct tie-in to the Multiple Listing Service. The volunteers also pro-

vide information on Veterans Affairs benefits, financing and school districts.

"Many of the volunteer realtors are retired military or dependents who really care about helping Soldiers," said Mikita.

Soldiers can receive help by going to the office at the Colorado Inn next to the Community Home Finding Relocation and Referral Service.

The office is manned between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

"They break down the availabilities by price range," said Mikita. "The (volunteer) realtors can take them (Soldiers) around to show them the properties."

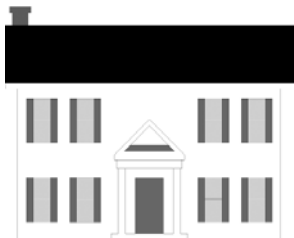
The volunteers are all realtors in the local community and can provide the most up-to-date information on housing. Although local realtors, the volunteers are

not allowed to attempt to sell their own properties, but can be reached after they work if the Soldier wishes to continue with the realtor.

The volunteers do the majority of their own support. Fort Carson does provide them with an office, computer and phone.

With the program going strong for 10 years, Mikita hopes it never ends.

"It's just a really good program a lot of Soldiers don't know about," said Mikita. "Two thirds of Soldiers live off-post and can use the assistance."



## Carson Soldiers draw elk tags

by Spc. Zach Mott  
Mountaineer staff

Sportsmen from the Mountain Post were afforded another opportunity to hunt elk in the Fort Carson Cow Elk Limited License Draw July 21.

Fort Carson and 7th Infantry Division Commanding General Maj. Gen. Robert Wilson and Mark Konishi, southeast region manager of the Colorado Division of Wildlife, drew chips corresponding to each of the 49 entrants to rank order the entries. Seventeen of these entries will receive a cow elk license for the upcoming season on post. Fort Carson's hunting season runs from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31.

"What this drawing was, right now my elk herd, particularly in cows — females — is over management objectives," said Tom Warren, Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management director. "In other words, I have more than what I need to maintain an acceptable biological herd carrying capacity."

For the 17 names that were chosen to receive licenses, Warren said they will check to ensure that person will be here for the hunting season, does not have another hunting tag, is legal and has received a hunter education course. The licenses will be issued within the next 30 days.

"None of the other requirements were waived," he said.

Once notified, a hunter must go to the Colorado Division of Wildlife office off the Garden of the Gods exit on Interstate 25 to purchase his license for the standard resident fee.

# Community Briefs

## Miscellaneous

**Self-Help Weed Control Program** — Army Regulation 200-5, Pest Management, requires pesticide applicators on military installations to be certified. The Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management has developed a self-help program that allows military members, after they receive the necessary training, to be issued a pre-mixed Round-Up herbicide to treat weeds in rocky areas around their barracks, service and administrative areas and motor pools.

In order to meet strict regulatory requirements for application of these products, units that wish to participate in the Self-Help Weed Control Program must have their military members trained in the proper handling, transport and application of herbicides. Once an individual has received the required training, the DECAM can issue them pre-mixed herbicides in sprayers or Weed-N-Feed with spreaders for their use.

Training sessions are held every Tuesday from 10 to 11 a.m. through the end of October at building 3711. Each unit may send up to five people for training unless pre-approved for more through the unit commander and DECAM. Sprayers and/or spreaders can be picked up and returned to building 3708 Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon only.

To find out more about the Self-Help Weed Control Program, call the Pest Control Facility at 526-5141. The Fort Carson housing contractor is responsible for the application of herbicides for weed control in family housing areas. For more information on housing weed control, call the housing contractor at 579-1606.

**Camp and sports physicals** — Evans Army Community Hospital has set aside additional physical slots to meet the high demand. Call soon to get a time that works for you.

School physicals are not a requirement for entry into any local school.

Immunizations will need to be updated for children entering kindergarten and children 11 to 12 years of age.

Pediatric Immunization Clinic Hours: 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. Closed after 11:30 a.m. the second Thursday of the month.

Immunizations are done on a walk-in basis. Call 264-5000 to make an appointment for a physical.

**Active-duty servicewomen invited to participate in a women in the military self-diagnosis study** — If you are an active-duty female and have symptoms of a vaginal infection (vaginal discharge that looks of smells abnormal; itching, burning, pain inside or outside your vagina) or a urinary tract infection (pain or burning upon urination; frequent urination; or greater than normal urge to urinate), you are invited to participate in a research study to test military women's ability to use a newly developed self-diagnosis kit to determine the cause of their vaginal/urinary symptoms.

If interested in participating in the study, call Lynn Money, Research Nurse Practitioner at DiRaimondo Troop Medical Clinic, 524-2047 or 2051.

**Health and Safety Office closing** — The American Red Cross Health and Safety Education Office in room 1801 at Evans Army Community Hospital will be closed for two months. The Health and Safety program is part of the Pikes Peak Chapter in Colorado Springs which is currently undergoing a transition.

If your military unit or family members are interested in a community cardiopulmonary resuscitation/first aid or other health and safety education classes, call the chapter at 632-3563. The new address is: 1040 S. 8th Street in Colorado Springs, across from Motor City.

**Youth sponsorship training** — Army life means

having to leave your home, school and friends to move to a new installation. Youth sponsorship offers you the opportunity to make new friends and help someone adjust to his or her new home.

Classes are offered one Saturday per month at the Family Connection Center in building 1354, from 2 to 4 p.m. Upcoming classes are Aug. 21, Sept. 18 and Oct. 16. For more information on youth sponsorship, call 526-1070.

**Voting information** — For voting information or voting materials, see your unit's Voting Assistance Officer or contact the Fort Carson Voting Assistance Officer at 526-8419. You can also find voting information by going to the Federal Voting Web site at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) or the Fort Carson Web site at [www.carson.army.mil](http://www.carson.army.mil), click on links.

**Yard Sale** — The Fort Carson Mayors' yard sales are twice a month on the first and third Saturday of the month between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.; dates are, Aug. 7 and 21, Sept. 4 and 18, Oct. 2 and 16, Nov. 6 and 20 and Dec. 4 and 18.

Both on- and off-post residents can participate. Housing residents can set up yard sales in front of their houses; barracks and off-post residents can set up in the Beacon Elementary School parking lot.

All residents and sellers must comply with the following guidelines:

- Residents are responsible for conducting their yard sale.
- Individual occupants are responsible for trash control and removal, which must be completed by 5 p.m. the day of the sale or citations will be issued.
- Commercial organizations and individuals will comply with all regulations related to commercial solicitation.
- All sellers are prohibited from offering for sale items such as drugs, guns, food or anything that does not conform to the rules and regulations of Fort Carson or the state of Colorado.

For more information, contact your village mayor or the mayor program coordinator at 526-1082 or 526-1049.

**Civilian Wellness Program** — Make that change from being a couch potato watching sports to being on the team. Join the Civilian Wellness Program. Get ready to play those sports, take that hike, bike or pursue a new sport. Are you ready and able to hike one of Colorado's 14,000 foot mountains and see what a real Rocky Mountain high is all about? Have you ever biked the Sante Fe Trail from Monument to Fountain to see another view of Colorado? Get off the sofa and out of the house and enjoy the beautiful weather and the breathtaking sites of Colorado. Take the challenge and join the Civilian Wellness Program for Department of Defense employees. Join the team at the Mountain Post Wellness Center for this unique opportunity. The Civilian Wellness Program allows three hours each week of duty time to work out at the wellness center (approval from supervisor required).

The program starts with an assessment and baseline testing. Individuals set goals and the wellness center team sets up a physical exercise program and provides educational opportunities to increase your total health. This is the opportunity to start a holistic program for a lifetime of good health. Take that first step to a healthier lifestyle. Then step up that mountain and enjoy the view. Call Sandra Ensmann at 525-4264 for information or pick up your enrollment packet. Join the Civilian Wellness Program for DOD civilians. The next session begins Sept. 16 at 9 a.m. This is the last session and chance to get in shape before the holidays.

**Metering equipment installation in housing villages** — Beginning Monday Energy Billing Systems and Fort Carson Family Housing will be completing the installation of metering equipment throughout the following villages: Arapahoe, Choctaw, Apache, Sioux and Shoshoni. Residents will be given a notice of 48 hours prior to the visit. The EBS technician will be accompanied by an Omni employee. The installation should take 20 to 30 minutes. They will need access to backyards, basements, and attics, when applicable. If you are a pet owner



**Army Community Service**  
**Family Readiness Center**  
 719-526-4590

## OPERATION back to School

- ✓ Providing school supplies for eligible school age children
- ✓ Applications now available
- ✓ Appointments available:  
 -Tuesday thru Friday, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
 -Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- ✓ Please bring to appointment:  
 -Social security numbers for all eligible children  
 -Most recent end of month LES  
 -Pay stubs (if applicable)  
 -Military ID
- ✓ Application Deadline: Saturday, 7 August.

**Schedule your appointment with your ACS**  
**Financial Readiness Program, (719) 526-4590.**



and will not be available during the window of time you are given, we ask that you assist us by making arrangements for your pet to be cared for during that time. Our thanks in advance for your cooperation and assistance with this process.

### Improved self-help station for housing —

Come visit our new and improved self-help area located at 6271 Mekong St. Beginning Monday, the self-help station will operate from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please use the side entrance to the building. You will be pleased to find several items that will assist you in maintaining your home.

**The Enlisted Spouses Charitable Organization membership drive** — The ESCO will be holding their annual membership drive and Barbeque Saturday at the Waa-Nibe Carson House (building. 1007) From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring a friend, or renew your dues and be entered into a drawing for a prize.

**ESCO Scrapbook fundraiser** — Come and catch up on all those photos you've set aside Sept. 11 to 7:30 p.m. at Waa-Nibe House, building 1007.

The cost is \$25 to register in advance and \$30 at the door. Cost includes dinner.

If you're new to scrap booking and want to see what it's all about, bring six to 10 photos (most recent event) for a product presentation and demonstration. Bring someone new and receive a \$25 credit on your Memory Keepers Card. There will also be a raffle for a 12 by 12 album, and 15 percent of product purchase will be donated to ESCO.

If you are unable to attend but would like your purchase to go towards ESCO and to sign up, please call Jessica Masisak at 597-1710.

**Crafters needed** — The first Fort Carson Craft Fair will be held Oct. 2 at the Special Events Center. Booths will cost \$25 or \$20 with a donated door prize. Call Jessica Masisak at 597-1710 for more information.

## Chapel

### Protestant Adult Sunday School

**Classes** — are offered each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel, building 1500 (next to the post exchange).

**Native American Services** — The He Ska Akicita Inipi is located on Fort Carson. All native and non-native people, military personnel, family members and Defense Department personnel are welcome. Anyone interested in attending and praying in this manner can contact Michael Dunning at 382-5331, (c) 330-9537, or (e-mail) [micheal.dunning@carson.army.mil](mailto:micheal.dunning@carson.army.mil), or Charles Erwin at (h) 382-8177, (e-mail) [erwin106@juno.com](mailto:erwin106@juno.com), or Zoe Goodblanket at 442-0929 for information and directions.

**Daily Bible readings:** In order to assist in regular scripture reading, the following scriptures are recommended. These scriptures are part of the common daily lectionary which is designed to present the entire Bible over a three-year cycle.

**Friday** — Psalms 56 & 1 Chron. 21-25

**Saturday** — Deut. 32:1-4 & 2 1 Chron. 26-29

**Sunday** — Hab. 3:2-19 & 2 Chron. 1-3

**Monday** — Psalms 57 & 2 Chron. 4-6

**Tuesday** — Psalms 58 & 2 Chron. 7-9

**Wednesday** — Psalms 59 & 2 Chron. 10-12

**Thursday** — Psalms 60 & 2 Chron. 13-15

### Chapel Schedule

#### ROMAN CATHOLIC

Day	Time	Service	Chapel	Location	Contact Person
M-W-F	noon	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Battistio/649-5260
Tues., Wed., Thurs.	noon	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Saturday	5 p.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Sunday	8 a.m.	Mass	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Sunday	10:45 a.m.	CRE	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Pat Treacy/526-5744
Sunday	11 a.m.	Healer	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Battistio/649-5260
Sunday	12:15 p.m.	Mass	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	RCIA	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Pat Treacy/526-5744
Saturday	4 p.m.	Reconciliation	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Patton/526-5769

#### PROTESTANT

Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Chap. Kincaid/526-7387
Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Borden/526-3711
Sunday	11 a.m.	Protestant	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Kennedy/526-8011
Sunday	11 a.m.	Prot./Gospel	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Byrd/526-5513
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Byrd/526-5513
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Dr. Schreck/526-5626
Tuesday	9 a.m.	PWOC	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Kennedy/526-8011
Sunday	11 a.m.	Contemporary	Veterans'	Magrath & Titus	Chap. Ellison/526-8890
Sunday	6 p.m.	PYOC	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Kennedy/526-8011
Friday	noon	Prayer	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Ms. Schreck/524-1166

#### LITURGICAL

Sunday	10:45 a.m.	Lutheran	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Lloyd/526-3888
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#### JEWISH

For information and a schedule of Jewish Sabbath services, call the U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel at 333-2636.

#### WICCA

Monday	6:30 p.m.	Family University	Building 1161	Melissa Dalugdag/330-7873
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#### MORMON

Sunday	2 p.m.	LDS	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Jones/526-3718
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#### NATIVE AMERICAN SWEATLODGE

Native American Sweatlodge ceremonies (He Ska Akicita Inipi) are offered to military dependents and Department of Defense personnel for traditional prayer and purification. Fasting before the ceremony is recommended and refreshments are offered following the ceremony. Please call the following for information and directions: Michael Dunning 382-5331 or 330-9537, or Zoe Goodblanket 442-0929.

**The Army Cycle Of Prayer** — Each week the Office of the Army Chief of Chaplains will highlight Army units, the Army at large, the nation and religious organizations to focus prayer.

You are invited to join the chaplain community and pray for these individuals and organizations.

**Unit:** For the Soldiers and leaders of the U.S. Army Reserve 96th Reserve Support Command, headquartered at Salt Lake City,

Utah.

**Army:** For the 25,000 men and women of the Army Warrant Officer Corps in the celebration of their 86th birthday this year.

**State:** For all the Soldiers and families from the state of Utah. Pray also for Gov. Olene Walker, the state legislators, and local officials of the "Beehive State."

**Nation:** For the Secretary of Housing & Urban Development, Alphonso Jackson. Pray for the

agency in its mission of providing affordable housing and promoting current economic development for every American.

**Religious:** For the Soldiers and families from the Wesleyan Church. Pray also for the chaplains endorsed to military service by this community of faith.

For more information on the Army Cycle of Prayer, visit the cycle's Web site at [www.usarmy-chaplain.com](http://www.usarmy-chaplain.com).



## Chaplain's Corner

# Life offers opportunities for learning, growth

**Commentary by Chap. (Lt. Col.) Greg Borden  
3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery**

I'm looking out my office window and wishing that I had caught up with all of my chores so that I could go for a ride on our Harley. Each afternoon it is a bit "iffy" to go riding. I love this beautiful Colorado weather. You never know what it is going to be like from moment to moment.

Life is like that. Each day brings another opportunity to learn something. There are experiences that challenge us and help us to grow in our maturity. Sometimes those events are difficult to handle and accept.

Experience reminds us that the winter days give way to the springtime. And the spring weather usually brings the "dog days" of summer. We learn a lot from experiences. Some encounters with life are rewarding and positive. They are good. At other times, we experience the pains of life, and it seems bad and harmful.

Here is a story from Bit and Pieces. It seems that Jack's mother ran into the bedroom when she heard him scream and found his two-year-old sister pulling his hair. She gently released the little girl's grip and said comfortingly to Jack, "There, there. She didn't mean it. She doesn't know that it hurts." Mom was barely out of the room when the little girl screamed. Rushing back in, she said, "What happened?" "She knows now," little Jack explained.

Experiences have left most of us better people. Some of life's events have left those we know bitter not better. This month we celebrated Independence Day. What a time in history! Many of those who fought for our rights were just like us. They had families and friends. They had fun things they participated in and enjoyed. They had to leave the security of life and embark into the unknown.

Those patriots of the 16th century experienced some hard times, but the results have gleaned good

times for those of us who have followed their course.

We don't always know what the outcome of our experiences will bring. Some of our friends and relatives are serving in very difficult places around the world. They will come home with many stories and experiences. Aldous Huxley wrote, "Experience is not what happens to a man. It is what a man does with what happens to him."

There is a great Bible verse that says, "We know that all things work together for good to those who love God and who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

I'm so glad that God is with us in the good times and in the difficult experiences of life. Like the story of Jack when his mother asked, "What happened?" I can respond to the workings of God in my life "I know now." God has a plan and purpose.

Hope that your Harley days are full of sunshine and happiness!

# Rodeo gives proceeds to military

by Nel Lampe  
Mountaineer staff

An original American sport, rodeo got its start in the early West when cowboys got bored. For something interesting to do while taking a break from rounding up cattle and driving them to market, cowboys challenged each other or set up competitions with other ranches. The cowboys used their everyday skills of roping or bronco riding.

The first known rodeo competition with a prize was in the small Colorado town of Deer Trail in

1869.

Flash forward to the early 1900s, when Colorado Springs was a small town with lots of tourists.

"Dime store novels" featuring Western heroes and Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show had helped romanticize cowboys and the Old West. Tourists in Colorado expected to see some cowboys. Some local entrepreneurs started some fests and shows featuring cowboys and American Indians, just to please the tourists. There was even a Pikes Peak Rodeo held a few times in the 1920s.

Then Spencer Penrose, owner and builder of the Broadmoor Hotel and savvy promoter, organized a rodeo in 1937. That rodeo was the beginning of today's Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo.

Penrose built a rodeo arena near the Broadmoor Hotel, where the 1938 rodeo was held. The rodeo became an annual event and continues under the guidance of community leaders and dedicated volunteers.

Except when performances were suspended during World War II, the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo has been held every year since 1937 and is one of the top rated rodeos in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. Hundreds of cowboys and cowgirls compete for \$250,000 in prize money each August at the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo.

Since the end of World War II, all Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo performances are dedicated to servicemembers. All proceeds from the rodeo are donated to programs which

benefit local military members and their families. Since 1946, more than \$1 million has been given to local military installations for community programs, Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs, and Army Community Service programs. Last year, Fort Carson received \$10,000 for emergency food vouchers, family connection, Army Family Team Building and Family Advocacy programs.

The first evening performance of this year's Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo, Aug. 11, is dedicated to Fort Carson. Maj. Gen. Robert Wilson, commanding general of Fort Carson and the 7th Infantry Division will make opening remarks.

Tickets for Fort Carson night are available at the World Arena Box Office, 576-2626, for \$8 or \$26.50 tickets. The box office gives a \$2 military discount for \$12.50 and \$16.50 tickets.

Information, Tickets and Registration Office has tickets for \$8, \$11.50 or \$15.50 each. ITR is in the Outdoor Recreation Center, building 2429, phone 526-2083. Parking at the World Arena is \$5.

The Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo is held in the Colorado Springs World Arena. Events include calf roping, bull riding, bareback riding, team roping, steer wrestling, saddle bronc riding and barrel racing. Other entertainment includes a high-flying motorcycle act featuring Troy Lerwill, a cow-milking contest and a horse race.

Evening rodeo performances begin at 7 p.m. Aug. 11 through 14. The finals are Aug. 15 at 1:30 p.m. Parking at the World Arena is \$5.

Everybody should see a rodeo while living in the West, and here's the chance to catch a top-ranked American sporting event for less than \$10.



Photo by Spc. Aimee J. Felix

**A cowboy tries to stay on the bull during last year's Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo.**



Zachary Thorn, from the Beacon Circle School Age Services Program, saws a piece of wood during one of the SAS skills room activities.

# CYS

story and photos by  
Sp. Zach Mott  
Mountaineer staff

Summer days used to be spent playing baseball with friends, lounging around by the pool or chasing each other with water balloons. Now, if we're lucky, we spend one day per summer doing these activities, as adults, those are the luxuries we're afforded.

But, for the youth of Fort Carson, there are even more activities available and unlimited opportunities to accomplish any and all of these activities.

Fort Carson's Child Youth Services provides year-round activities for the youths of the installation. From seasonal sports to before and after school activities and trips, there is something

for every child.

"Most seasons we have a sport for every child from 3 to 18 (years old)," said Darrilyn Young, CYS centers coordinator.

In addition to sports, CYS offers child-care, self-assurance to parents and field trips.

"It gives parents a peace of mind so they can go off to work and know that their kids will get picked up after school because we will make sure that they're back here as well," said Debbie Bonvillain, the facility manager at the Beacon Circle school age services for first and second grade.

For younger children, Bonvillain said they offer home skills as well as 4-H and several side programs.

"(Children) can learn how to

use the microwave and other home alone skills," she said. "(Children also) learn how to sew and how to repair things in case it's broken."

Parents are encouraged to sign up their children with CYS in order to take advantage of these programs and offerings.

"Right now we're accepting anybody," Bonvillain said. "We don't have a waiting list. Our goal is to be at 145 (people) here and we're running close to that."

Bonvillain said this is a great way for parents to feel they are leaving their children in safe and capable hands each day.

"It's a good program because they get a chance to make decisions — appropriate decisions that us adults can live with," she said.



Josh Odom hammers two pieces of wood together. Odom is taking part in a program offered to first and second graders at the Beacon School Age Services.



Ariana Escobar displays the sewing techniques she learned at the Beacon Circle School Age Services.



Abriana Taylor practices her screwdriving technique, a skill she recently learned at the Beacon Circle School Age Services. Taylor said her favorite part of the program is getting to have fun and learning new skills.





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# Mueller State Park

## one of Colorado's most visited parks

Story and photos  
by Nel Lampe  
Mountaineer staff

**M**ueller State Park is a great place for hiking, camping or picnicking. Although there's no recreational lake in this state park, at about 25 miles away, Mueller is the nearest state park to Fort Carson. The new Cheyenne Mountain State Park opens later this year and will be just across Highway 115 from Fort Carson.

There are 40 state parks in Colorado, including Mueller and two other parks east of Colorado Springs, off Highway 24. Eleven Mile Park is reached by taking Highway 24 west for 38 miles to Lake George then turning left on County Road 90, and following that road for 11 miles. Spinney Mountain State Park is about 60 miles from Colorado Springs off Highway 24 west, going over Wilkerson Pass. Turn left on Park County Road and proceed 2.8 miles, then take a right on County Road 59, about a mile.

Pueblo State Park is about 50 miles away, just west of Pueblo, and was the subject of the July 23 Happenings.

Most state parks have scenic views hiking trails, wildlife and outdoor recreation. Some state parks have water recreation and campsites.

Mueller State Park is one of the state's newest parks, established in the early 1990s. However, it is among the top 10 most visited Colorado parks with more than 200,000 visitors annually.



A group of hikers take a break before beginning a hike on one of many trails in Mueller State Park.

The park was formerly a cattle ranch and belonged to the Mueller family.

The Mueller family had protected wildlife on the ranch and wildlife is still abundant in the park. Herds of elk and big-horn sheep are in Mueller State Park. Deer, bears, badgers, rabbits, mountain lions, chipmunks, coyotes and porcupines have been seen in the park, as well as several bird species.

Mueller State Park contains more than 5,000 wooded acres. Fir, spruce and aspen trees are abundant.

The park's 130 wooded camp sites are very popular. Reservations are a must.

Campground reservations are available from April through September.

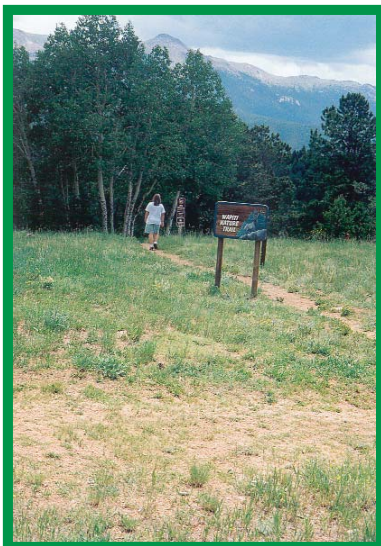
A few walk-in sites are open in winter, but do not have water.

To make reservations for a camping site, call (800) 678-CAMP or 687-2366. Campers can enjoy camping in the woods and still be close to home.

Some of the sites have electric hookups and can be used by a recreation vehicle or a tent and are \$18. There's a dumping station on site.

There are 22 walk-in sites for tent-use, which rent for \$14. The walk-in sites are 50 to 400 yards from the parking area and all equipment must be carried in.

In addition to paying a campsite fee, campers must

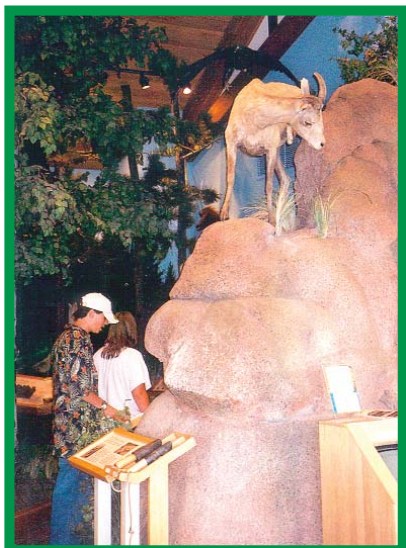


Wapiti Nature Trail is one of 33 marked trails in Mueller State Park.

have a park entrance day pass or a Colorado State Park season pass to use the park. The day pass costs \$5 and is good for entrance at any Colorado State Park during its validity. An annual pass to all Colorado Parks is \$55, and can be purchased at any state park. The annual pass is a good buy for frequent visitors to state parks.

Mueller State Park visitors should stop at the visitor center. Several exhibits show the park's wildlife and interactive and hands-on exhibits help visitors learn about the park's animals. The park's history is also shown.

A ranger is on duty in the visitor center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and can answer questions. Ranger-led hikes are scheduled for summer months. Call 687-2366 for information about pro-



Mueller State Park's visitor center features interactive displays about the park's history and wildlife.



Places to see in the Pikes Peak area.

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## Mueller

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grams or go to the Web site [Coloradoparks.org](http://Coloradoparks.org).

While in the parking lot at the visitor center, take a look at the scenery from the big-view overlook kiosk. Several Rocky Mountain peaks taller than 14,000 feet can be seen in the distance, along with scenic vista. The mountains seen from that spot are identified in the overlook.

Mueller State Park is open year-round, but is quite popular in summer. Fall is also a popular time for visitors who want to view the golden aspen and see the elk.

Mueller State Park is known for its 50 miles of hiking trails. Thirty-three trails are named and numbered. Hikers can get a trail map at the visitor center or from the ranger at the park's entrance.

Hikers are asked to stay on the established trails and to sign the log at the trailhead when beginning a hike. Trails are designated as easy, medium and difficult.

Some trails are designated for use for trail

bikes and horses. Horses are available for rent at Golden Eagle Outfitters in Mueller State Park. Rental rates start at \$25 and trail rides including breakfast or dinner are \$45. The rides are on the horse trails in the park. Pony rides for children are available at the outfitter site. For reservations call 686-7373 or 687-2316.

In addition to camping, popular warm-weather activities at Mueller include camping, fishing, hiking, picnicking, photography or wildlife watching.

Several picnic sites are furnished with tables and benches. Picnic sites are shown on the map and with signs. Rest room facilities are available at the visitor center and in camp areas.

Fishing is allowed at a few ponds which are reached by a two-mile walk. Ask the ranger at the visitor center for fishing locations. A Colorado fishing license is required.

Winter visitors can snowshoe and cross-country ski. If snowfall is sufficient, sledding visitors can enjoy sledding. However, skimobiles are prohibited.

Some park visitors camp at Mueller State Park then go to Eleven Mile State Park or Spinney Mountain State Park for fishing.

Several attractions are in the vicinity of Mueller State Park which make great day trips for campers. The Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument is 12 miles away, about 10 miles west on Highway 24 West, then three miles south on Teller One.

The historic gold-mining town of Cripple Creek is about 12 miles further south of Mueller State Park on Highway 67. Cripple Creek has museums, tourist attractions, grocery stores, shopping, dining and casinos available.

The mining town of Victor is six miles south of Cripple Creek. Victor is a very small, historic town and is home to the Lowell

Thomas museum, a small local museum, antique stores and shops, and a few places to eat.

Campers can return to Woodland Park, a few miles east of Divide for groceries, several places to eat, including fast food as well as fine dining. A new tourist attraction is the Rocky Mountain Dinosaur Discovery Center. Woodland Park has a multi-screen movie theater.

North of Woodland Park on Highway 67 is Manitou Lake, which is available for fishing.

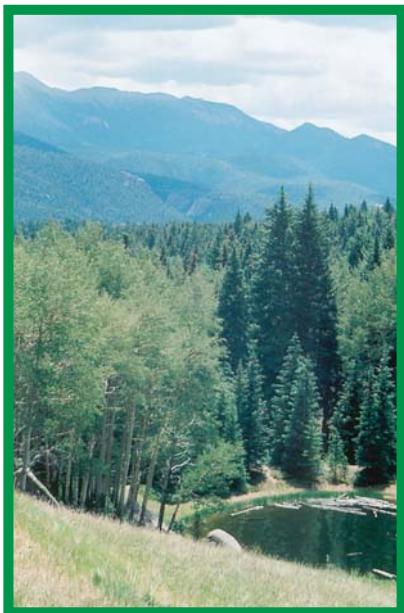


Visitors' first stop at Mueller State Park should be the visitor center. A ranger is on duty all day and there are several interactive displays.

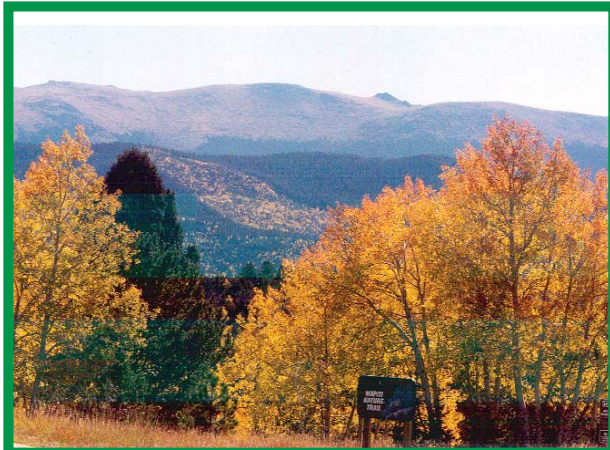
Picnic sites are also available.

Mueller State Park is at 9,500 feet altitude. Keep high-altitude precautions in mind, such as sunscreen and drinking water. No food is available in the park, but groceries are available in Divide.

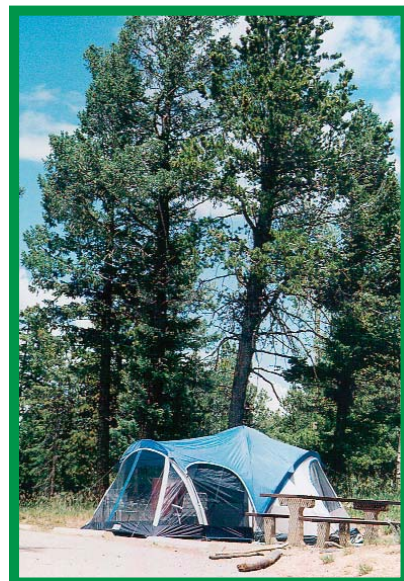
To reach Mueller State Park from Fort Carson, take Interstate 25 to the Cimarron Street Exit. Follow Highway 24 west through Woodland Park to Divide. At Divide, turn south on Highway 67, go about three miles to the park entrance.



Some ponds in Mueller State Park are available for fishing.



Aspen trees in autumn provide a colorful scenic view in Mueller State Park when the leaves turn to gold.



Mueller State Park camping sites are in wooded areas. Many sites have tables.

### Just the Facts

- **Travel time** 45 minutes
- **For ages** families
- **Type** state park
- **Fun factor** ★★★★★  
(Out of 5 stars)
- **Wallet damage** \$ (entry)
  - \$ = Less than \$20
  - \$\$ = \$21 to \$40
  - \$\$\$ = \$41 to \$60
 (Based on a family of four)

## Get Out!

### Renaissance Festival

**Last chance to visit the Renaissance Festival** is Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$15.95 for adults and \$8 for children. This year's festival closes Sunday at 6:30 p.m. Take Exit 172 off Interstate 25 north to the fest at Larkspur.

### Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo

**The Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo** opens Aug. 11 with performances at the Colorado Springs World Arena. That evening is designated Fort Carson night and tickets for the Aug. 11 evening performance are available at Information, Tickets and Tours, 526-2083.

### Rodeo parade

**The annual rodeo parade** is at 10 a.m. Aug. 11, in downtown Colorado Springs. The parade includes marching bands, horses, floats and more. It's the city's biggest parade and kicks off the Pikes Peak or Bust rodeo.

### El Paso County Fair

**The 99th El Paso County Fair** is in Calhan runs through Sunday. This an old-fashioned fair, with a cowboy dance tonight. Saturday is "American Heroes Day", and military, firefighters or police with identification receive a discount. There's a homemade ice cream contest

and a 9 p.m. rodeo dance. Sunday is the fair's last day, which is family day. The carnival opens at 1 p.m. and closes at 4:30 p.m. Calhan is about 30 miles east of Colorado Springs on Highway 24. Check out fair activities at [www.elpasocountyfair.com](http://www.elpasocountyfair.com) or call 520-7880.

### Colorado State Fair

**The Colorado State Fair** runs Aug. 21 to Sept. 5. Concert tickets are on sale at the State Fair Box Office and Ticketmaster, 520-9090, for Stacie Orrico, Chris Cagle, Chris LeDoux, ZZ Top, Dierks Bentley, Trick Pony, Brad Paisley, REO Speedwagon, Olivia Newton-John and Clay Aiken. Tickets are \$13 to \$33.

### Burros' birthday party

**Burro birthday bash** is at the Western Museum of Mining and Industry, off exit 156A at Interstate 25. Bring a picnic lunch and celebrate the birthdays of the museum mascots Oro and Nugget. The party includes an ice cream treat and runs from 12:30 to 4 p.m. There's no admission for the party but contributions are welcome for the care and upkeep of the burros. There's an admission charge for the museum.

### Ice cream social

**An old-fashioned ice cream social** is Aug. 7, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the 1873 McAllister House, once known as the finest house in town. Activities in the yard include face painting and games. Ice cream is 5 cents a scoop and hot dogs are \$1. Tours of the McAllister House, 423 N. Cascade Ave., are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 6 through 12, and children under 6 are free.

### Broadway in Colorado Springs

**Season tickets are on sale for the new season**

**in the Pikes Peak Center**, which includes "Fiddler on the Roof," Oct. 20 and 21; "The Full Monty," March 15 and 16, "Defending the Caveman," April 8 and 9; "42nd Street," May 8 and 9. An optional show is Hal Holbrook in "Mark Twain Tonight!" Call 520-SHOW for information.

### Fine Arts theater season

**The Fine Arts Center repertory theater** has scheduled its new season. "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" is Oct. 1 to 14; followed by "Nuncrackers: The Nunsense Christmas Musical," Nov. 19 to Dec. 12. "Cabaret" is set for Feb. 4 to 27, followed by "Singin' in the Rain" April 29 through May 22. Call 634-5583 for tickets.

### Air Force Academy concerts

**The Academy Concert season is now on sale.** The schedule includes Emerson Drive is Sept. 17, Paul Rodriguez is Sept. 18, Capitol Steps is Oct. 9. In 2005, "Crazy for You" is Jan. 22, "Steel Magnolias" is Feb. 25, "Broadway Rhythm" is March 5, "Da Noise, Da Funk" is March 12, "Contact" is March 30 and "Passing Zone" is April 23. Call 333-4497 for information.

### Money Museum

**The Money Museum** at 818 N. Cascade Ave., has an exhibit featuring important American coins and currency, called "E Pluribus Unum: The Money That Made America." The museum is free.



Photo by Nel Lampe

## Dinosaur center ...

A new dinosaur museum opened in Woodland Park in May. The Rocky Mountain Dinosaur Resource Center is just off Highway 24 in Woodland Park — watch for the palm trees. The museum is observing Shark Week through Saturday, with shark videos, a scavenger hunt and a coloring contest. The Dinosaur Resource Center hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Sunday hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$6.50 to \$9.50, but there's a \$1 discount on admission for Soldiers and families with military identification.



Program Schedule for Fort Carson cable Channel 10, today to Aug. 5.

Army Newswatch: stories from Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Airls at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

Navy/Marine Corps News: stories on family member evacuation from Bahrain, Exercise RIMPAC 2004 and the USS Croommelin. Airls at 8 a.m., 1 p.m., 8 p.m. and 1 a.m.

Air Force News: stories on the role of the Air Force in the Pacific, the Air Force Academy foreign students and Parapups (repeat). Airls at 8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m.

The Mountain Post Community Town Meeting, held monthly, airts at 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

The Pentagon Channel plays on Channel 9. In addition to standard programs like Army Newswatch, the channel will feature other Army-related programs, including briefings and other Army news.

If you have comments on Channel 10 programming or wish to coordinate a broadcast on Channel 10, please contact Chief of Command Information at 526-1241 or via e-mail at [CommandInfo@carson.army.mil](mailto:CommandInfo@carson.army.mil).

Program times will be published in the *Mountaineer* provided coordination is made one week prior to publication.

For additions to the Community Calendar, please submit an e-mail to the above address. Send a clean, type-written copy of the information to the Public Affairs Office, room 2180, 6151 Specker Ave., Fort Carson, CO 80913, or fax information to 526-1021 no later than the Friday before the desired airing time.



# Sports & Leisure

## Lady Mountaineers

### Post team shares top league spot



Photo by Walt Johnson

Lady Mountaineer slugger Connie Welch blasts a pitch to left field during the team's final game July 21.



Photo by Walt Johnson

Lady Mountaineers third baseman Dixie Roberts, right, checks on a runner after a Wild Things player made it safely to third base.

by Walt Johnson  
Mountaineer staff

The Fort Carson Lady

Mountaineers varsity softball team capped off an impressive regular season in the Colorado Springs adult league by finishing in a tie for first place July 21 at the Skyview Sports Complex in Colorado Springs.

The Lady Mountaineers dropped its final game of the season, a makeup of a suspended game earlier this year, to finish the season at 9-3. This was the second consecutive year the Lady Mountaineers made a very respectful showing in the league.

Because of the tie-breaking system used by the Colorado Springs Parks and Recreation office, the Lady Mountaineers finished tied for the league lead but was considered the second place team.

The team the Lady Mountaineers tied with, Little Rascals, was awarded first place by the virtue of having scored three more runs than the Lady Mountaineers when the teams played

head-to-head this year.

The fact that the Lady Mountaineers were even in a position to tie for first place in the league is a tribute to the tireless coaching of head coach Cathy Satow and her assistant coach Julie Wetherington and fans who supported the team each week.

Satow took on the challenge of having to work around military schedules and home responsibilities and masterfully mixed and matched the team and gave it the best chance to win each time out from the very beginning of the season. Satow stressed team and fundamentals and it was obvious during the year that the team responded positively to her leadership.

After the game and the regular season were finished, Satow thanked her players for a wonderful season and then had high praise for her team.

"The players made a lot of sacrifices. This is truly a reflection on how committed they were to represent Fort Carson in the highest standard possible," Satow said.



Photos by Walt Johnson

Lady Mountaineers coach Cathy Satow hands out T-shirts to team members after the team's final game of the season July 21.

## *Mountaineer* Fans of the Week



Photo by Walt Johnson

### *Rain, what rain? ...*

In spite of weather conditions that promised to eventually resemble more monsoon weather than softball weather, Yamileth Munoz and her dog C.D. showed up at the Mountain Post Sports Complex to watch their favorite player and team compete for the coed championship Friday. The games were washed out by a heavy rain storm that turned the softball fields into mini-lakes. The post coed championship was to be played Wednesday at the sports complex. See next week's edition of the *Mountaineer* for the results.

## On the Bench

# Colorado State games come to Mountain Post tonight

by Walt Johnson  
Mountaineer staff

The Colorado state games are being held in Colorado Springs and Fort Carson community today and Saturday.

The state games begin today with games at many of the post sports facilities. Games scheduled to be played at the Mountain Post facilities are adult and youth basketball and triathlon. Also, the post swimming pool will be closed during the morning hours Saturday in support of the state games.

**The post club boxing team is still in need of people interested in learning the sweet science.**

The team currently does road work each day from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. The team does strength and conditioning training from noon to 1 p.m. and technical training, to include sparring, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Anyone interested in more information should contact Sims at 720-988-5254, Christina Vasquez at 719-494-9057 or Bill Reed at 524-1163.

**McKibben Physical Fitness Center will host a powerlifting competition Aug. 20 to 21.**

According to Lenwood Jordan, facility manager, this will be a

chance for powerlifters on post to show what they are made of and compete for the post's bragging rights. Anyone interested in competing in the powerlifting event should contact Jordan or Annette Wallace at 526-274.

**Speaking of the powerlifting meet, its defending champion has added another title to his resume.**

Tony Claiborne traveled to Albuquerque, N.M., Saturday and came home with three trophies. Claiborne won the men's masters (35 to 39), overall men's masters (35 to 49) and the men's open middleweight class.

Claiborne said he faced some stiff competitors who were "top-notch." I felt good about being able to learn from previous competitors; my conditioning was good, my support system was great as always and the crowd was inspiring. I also could not have pulled this off without the help I got from a special person and champion in his own right, Marcus Dungen, who helped get me ready to be my best," Claiborne said.

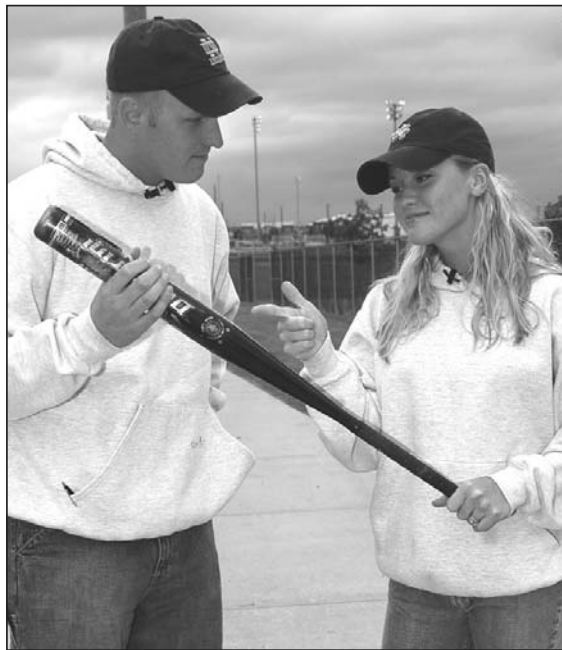


Photo by Walt Johnson

## Learning to hit ...

Roger Sparks, left, gets hitting advice from "the real softball player in our family," his wife Tiffani Sparks, as they waited for the start of the intramural championship game Friday at the Mountain Post Sports Complex.

## *Mountaineer Youth Spotlight*



Photo by Walt Johnson

### *Yankees invade Sky Sox Stadium ...*

The post youth center Yankees and their parents look on during the first game of a doubleheader at Sky Sox Stadium Monday night. The Yankees were one of three teams that took part in Military Monday night celebrations at the stadium before the game between the Colorado Springs Sky Sox and Iowa Cubs. This was also the last event of the year for the Yankees who were able to get autographed balls from some of the Sky Sox and take pictures with some of the future major league players.



## *Mountaineer* Event of the Week

### *Making some noise for the home team ...*

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Squadron, 4th Military Police Platoon's Wayne Loeser leaves no doubt who his favorite team is at the start of the intramural championship game Friday night at the Mountain Post Sports Complex. Loeser was a prime example of cheering the right way as he blew a siren and offered encouragement to his team while restraining himself when the opposition did positive things.



Photo by Walt Johnson